Guarantee Scheme has not yet been received by the Government of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reason therefor and by when the above said amount would be allocated and how much this amount stand at;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this is causing delay in payment of wages to the rural unemployed people; and

(d) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent any demand letter to the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 350 crore has been released as initial instalment during the current financial year for implementation of the Act in the State of Madhya Pradesh. Every district can apply for the next instalment after utilizing 60% of the existing resources. No such request has been received after the release of the initial instalment.

(c) No case of delay in payment of wages to the rural unemployment people has been reported by the State Government due to non-availability of funds under the Act.

(d) No demand letter has been received from Government of Madhya Pradesh after the release of Rs. 350.00 crore for the year 2006-07 by the Central Government.

Roads under PMGSY in Chhattisgarh

†2698. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) The names of roads constructed/under construction in Chhattisgarh under PMGSY during the last three years in respect of which quality test was conducted by programme implementation unit, State quality monitor and National Quality appointed by State Government;

(b) the names of the roads in respect of which defective construction has been noted alongwith the name of agency which detected the defect and whether any action has been taken against the constructor concerned;

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(c) the names of roads in Raigarh and Jashpur districts in Chhattisgarh that are damaged and since when;

(d) by when these roads will be repaired and the names of contractors who will do the repair work; and

(e) the details of the action being taken by Government to get the roads repaired?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Self-Help Groups under SGSY in Andhra Pradesh

†2699. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, as per the guidelines, 50 per cent groups of women only are to be formed, out of the Self-Help Groups to be formed in every block under the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana;

(b) whether these guidelines have been fully complied with in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the number of Self-Help Groups formed, district-wise, in Andhra Pradesh and the number of groups, out of these, which are of women only; and

(d) the total number of women groups/self-employed women, district-wise in Andhra Pradesh which were provided assistance under the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) As per para 3.5 of the SGSY guidelines, 50% of the groups formed in each block should be exclusively for the women. However, there is no upper ceiling on the number of women groups that can be formed in a block.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Since inception of the programme *i.e.* 1.4.1999 (upto February, 2006) 4,52,872 Self-Help Groups have been formed in Andhra Pradesh

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